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In re the Application of: TANIMOTO, Takeshi et al.

Group Art Unit: 2852

Serial No.: 10/050,173

Examiner: BRASE, Sandra L.

Filed: January 18, 2002

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 1344

FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND DEVELOPING DEVICE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

July 29, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2002, extended to July 28, 2002 by a One-Month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Submitted herewith is a Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections, along with proposed drawing corrections to Figure 14, to the extent of adding the Legend, "PRIOR ART", as indicated in red ink on the enclosed drawing copy.

The applicants respectfully request that the proposed drawing corrections submitted herewith be approved by the Examiner, and that the outstanding objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please AMEND the specification as follows:

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